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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
Attorney Docket No.: 2876 (203-3345)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Schecter et al. Examiner: Not Assigned  
Serial No. : 10/712,486 Group Art Unit: 3739  
Filed : November 13, 2003 Dated: September 15, 2004  
For : **COMPRESSIBLE JAW CONFIGURATION WITH BIPOLAR RF  
OUTPUT ELECTRODES FOR SOFT TISSUE FUSION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.104**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

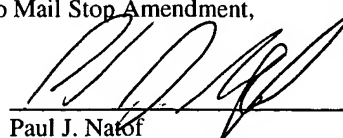
**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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